

AMATEUR SPORTSMEN OF NOTE

AN HEIR TO THE LOVE OF OPEN AIR PASTIMES.

Joseph B. Thomas believes in polo and in breeding ponies. He is president of the Russian Wolfhound Club of America. Tried teaching with a Concord.

One of the younger men prominent in open air recreation has attained his distinction by right of inheritance. He comes from American forebears and is a type of the amateur who is always doing things. Over the partition doors that divide his office high up in a downtown skyscraper hangs the sternboard of a Yankee packet bearing his name. His grandfather owned it and was proud to call the craft the Joseph B. Thomas. The ship and others sailed to many distant seas and natives of many strange lands have tried to spell out the name. On the office walls of the present Joseph B. Thomas it keeps ever fresh the thoughts of the sea and sailors and of the joy of cruising.

In these days, however, the voyages are aboard fine yachts or big liners. His father until he became president of the St. Andrew's Golf Club and an enthusiast on the making and upkeep of a links put in his vacations one of his yachts, but in one time there in the commission, but in taking up golf he changed to the most inveterate of landmen and the influence of the New England ship owner was lost in the fascinations of the old Scotch game. He died last summer and the survivor is at this time the last of his line.

An uncle, Washington B. Thomas, was formerly the president of the United States Golf Association and is still an occasional golfer, but when Joseph B. Thomas gets over the turf it is on the back of a polo pony or a thoroughbred racer. Odd, he harks back to the call of the sea through his grandfather, but the favorite game of his nearer relatives does not appeal to him. Yet the male line has been a fresh air brigade, always and often, and the bearer of the name with his brother Ralph finds the love of outdoor pastimes bred in the bone.

Joseph B. Thomas began at Berkeley in track work, the broad and high jumps. He kept this up at Yale and was the captain of the track team, carrying out some international sprints in Canadian and English sports. While still at the varsity he became a gentleman farmer, an unusual experience for a Yale junior, on a property at Simsbury, Conn., the home town of that State's war Governor.

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OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO MEET AT LUXEMBOURG.

Sweden Has 1912 Programme Ready—More Stadium Events and Less of Other Sports—English Ten Mile Run and Seven Mile Walk Championships.

A meeting of the international olympic committee has been called for the second week in June at Luxembourg for the purpose, it is said, of passing on the programme of the games at Sweden in 1912. This programme has already been arranged and will be presented by Col. Bliek and Count Clarence de Rosen, the Swedish representative on the international jury, and to judge from the cursory allusions about its makeup it will not be nearly as long as the programme of the English Olympic two years ago.

Such sports as football, archery, boxing, golf, hockey, lacrosse, racquetball, tennis, motor racing and polo are to be excluded, but there are to be a few events belonging to the track and field department which were not included in the English list. One is the pentathlon or all around championship. This was given in the programme at Athens in 1896 and was won by a Swede, Carl Gustaf, it is said, will suggest that the entire fixture cover about ten days and that the entries from each country be made through their respective governing bodies to the international committee. The Swedes will also suggest that the date of the month of June.

The work of constructing the stadium, near Stockholm, has progressed considerably, and the current English sporting papers contain cuts and photographs of the track, enclosures and other fixtures. The stadium is situated in the district of Sigtuna, near the city of Stockholm, on a picturesque site. As to the success of the fixture there need surely be no doubt, for the Swedish Government is behind it and the Crown Prince will be the president of the games. The Government has donated 400,000 francs toward the expenses of erecting the stadium and other incidents. The Swedish sporting associations have come forward with their help and have contributed the sum of 100,000 francs toward the expense fund.

The Swedes say they will carry out the programme in such a manner that the English did and they will imitate the London management as much as possible. The Pittsburg A. C., the new body formed in the Smoky City for the purpose of up-lifting the status of the amateur in that part of Pennsylvania, has run foul of the National Amateur Athletic Association of the U. S. with the result that the club was suspended recently for a period of thirty days. The officers of the new club among the amateur athletes to compete at its games on April 30.

The meeting at which the suspension took place was attended by Dr. Savage, president of the Pittsburg A. C., and he vainly tried to persuade the officials of the association from taking action in the case. He pointed out that Everett C. Brown was a member of the club and that he was a member of the Middle Atlantic Athletic Association, but that did not seem to cut any figure with the Middle Atlantic people, who did not seem to care for the Pittsburg A. C. Brown subsequently wrote commending the action of the Middle Atlantic Association and that it was a good thing that the local athletes against amateur laws. If an appeal was made it would not be acted upon until the annual convention next November.

The two big events of the old world recently were the English ten mile running championship, won by Dr. Savage, and the American mile championship, won by Scott of the Broughton Harriers and T. Jack of Edinburgh, who recently won the Scottish mile championship. The winner of the mile race, who was in the van at three miles, was followed by a group of runners, and the race was won by Scott, Jack and the Broughton Harriers. The race was won by Scott, Jack and the Broughton Harriers.

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